

IN OUR HOME

In our home we lived together,
 Father, Mothers, Children too.
 Half brothers and half sisters,
 "This we never knew."

Our Father said "obey my will"
 Our Mothers said "yes do"
 My Mother said "you must honor Muzz.
 For she's your Mother too."

We children never had a quarrel,
 We were never known to fight
 our mothers wise would stories tell
 And soon set things aright.

They told of little Moses in bullrushes hid away.
 And little Jesus in the manger on the hay.
 They told of Daniel cast into the Lion's den
 And how God protected good honest righteous men.

The babies came close together.
 Kate and Tom like twins seemed to be.
 They both did nurse at mothers breast
 And prayed at Muzz's knee.

We were very happy children until one day;
 Our Father called us all together
 And to us these words did say,
 "I must obey the laws of the land,
 And we must part for aye;
 But to give up my wives and children
 This I will never do."
 I will go to the penitentiary
 And serve a term or two,
 But that I will never do."

My Mother frail and sickly said,
 "John I will set you free,
 To send you forth to prison
 Would be the death of me."

Muzz said "Now dear Bella, this will never do
 Were going hairts, an han's two-gether,
 And two me you've ere been true,
 Now we'll continue onward
 Though demons range in hell."
 Muzz stood and sweetly sang
 "All Is Well, All Is Well"

My father went to prison
 Put on those strips of shame
 But the angel's looking down from Heaven said
 "John your not to blame."

A term he served in prison
 A fine he had to pay.
 A hundred dollars down in cash,
 Before he could come away.

Now we honor our dear parents
 And the part they had to play,
 Through trials and tribulations
 Until our dying day.

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"MUZZ'S KNEE"

Ann Steele Murdoch

John A. Murdoch's
 Book
 Bought on the
 21st April 1898 when I was
 preparing to go to Utah
 Penitentiary and month
 for being good to my
 wives and children.
 Sentence by Judge
 Blackburn.
 John A. Murdoch
 Helen Mary both
 1898.

Editors Note: Written by John Murray
 Murdoch on the inside page of a Doctrine and
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 McMillan Moulton.